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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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GROUP ART UNIT: 1733

FOR: PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR THE

MANUFACTURE OF A COMPOSITE

**MATERIAL** 

## AMENDMENT

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated November 19, 1998, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite Claim 1 as follows:

obtained by [the association of] associating glass threads and [of] a thermoplastic organic material in [the] a filamentary state, [which consists] comprising the steps of:

- [in] continuously depositing onto a [moving substrate] conveyor two layers in either made of loose order, where one of the layers is glass threads of which at least 80% by weight thereof are commingled threads consisting of glass filaments and of filaments of thermoplastic organic material which are intimately blended, [the] a quantity of glass deposited representing more than 40% by weight of the total quantity of material deposited [the] a form of glass threads